

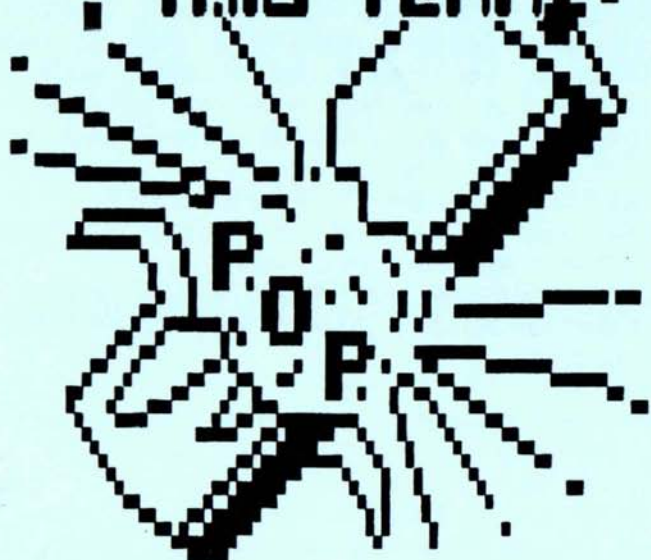


# ATARI COMPUTER CLUB OF OKC INC.

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## LET'S START THIS YEAR--



## WITH A BANG !!!



### MEETING AT OKLA. MILITARY DEPT.

3501 MILITARY CIRCLE (36TH & GRAND)  
MEETING TIME: 6:15 TO 9:00 PM  
MEETING DATE: JULY 14TH, 1987



## PRESIDENTIAL NOTES

by Bob Bewley

I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the activities of this club during the past year. First, our financial situation is approximately the same as it was a year ago. You may think that this indicates a stagnant club. On the contrary... we purchased equipment, door prizes, electrical assesories and MANY disks this past year, not to mention the postage and printing of our newsletter. To me, this shows that we have been managing YOUR money pretty good during the past year. Next, our library of software has approximately DOUBLED!! This shows our commitment to supply YOU with the newest Public Domain Software. We have tried to demo the newest commercial software, but as you know, there isn't very much to see nowadays. All this has been made possible WITHOUT raising club dues. They will again be \$15.00 per year per family.

Speaking of DUES.... Everyone's membership expires in July, this means that if you wish to remain a member (or become a new member) you must pay your dues at the July meeting (or pay by mail to our Post Office Box). Your payment must reach us by July 31st or you WON'T RECEIVE NEWSLETTER in August.

In case you were unable to attend the last club meeting, I'd like to introduce the ACCOKC Officers for 1987-88. President will again be Bob Bewley, that's right, you have to put up with me for ANOTHER year. Our new Librarian is Fred Jones, our Editor is George Morse and last but not least, our Secretary/Treasurer is Richard Rhea. I hope that EVERYONE will give these new officers their support and PLEASE feel free to give advice or suggestions whenever possible.

I was particularly pleased with the discussion we had before, during and after the Officer election. Even though it wasn't much of an election, I feel that those who attended were truly concerned with the future of this club. I heard many new ideas and suggestions. All of which I

wc like to see implemented sooner or later. The emphasis seemed to be on the sharing of information and knowledge between the club members, and more FREE-FORM meetings. That is, more meetings where many people bring their systems to the meeting and show off their "STUFF".

With that in mind, the July meeting will have its Beginners Session, Disk-of-the-Month demo and the Regular meeting will be a continuation of last month. I would like to find out from YOU what YOU would like to see or do this year. If you have any ideas about how to raise money or you would like to see a different meeting format, please speak up. I have a few ideas of my own which I mentioned at the last meeting and I will bounce them off of you at the meeting. After all, THIS IS YOUR CLUB and I believe that we should do whatever YOU want to do. PLEASE make plans to attend the next meeting and let YOUR ideas be heard.

See you at the meeting

## TREASURER'S REPORT

by Becky Pound

Beginning Balance		\$249.72
Debits		\$70.53
Printing	\$25.19	
Door Prizes	\$45.34	
Credits		\$187.00
Dues	\$98.00	
D.O.M.	\$44.00	
D.O.M. Coupons	\$48.00	
Blank Disks	\$ 2.00	
Donation for		
1200 XL	\$11.00	
Ending Balance		\$366.19



\*\*\* A YEAR IN REVIEW \*\*\* (

by Tom Holden

CONGRATULATIONS to Fred Jones, our new Librarian. This club needs new ideas and members willing to participate in all the club's functions. As a regular member once again, I plan to continue and submit a monthly article, such as, crossword puzzles and find the word games.

I would also like to make a ACCOKC Icon disk. So if any members have any Icons, that they have made (using Broderbund's Print Shop) and want them included on this disk, please get your Icons to me as soon as possible.

Just thought I would look back and see what was accomplished by the last librarian. The ACCOKC LIBRARY has doubled in size. We started last year with around 1400 programs, and now we have over 3000. I ran off another Library listing ( up to date as of June 15th ) and maybe we will have copies ready for the July meeting.

Disk-of-the-Month sales were very good as we averaged over \$80.00 per month.

The HIGH EIGHT BIT'ERS was a FLOP ! ! ! ! ! ! ! ! (

I am looking forward to using my computer again, as I have lots of programs that I haven't touched in over a year.

Once again, CONGRATULATIONS to all our new Officers, especially our President Bob Bewley. This year lets try and take some of the load off of his shoulders by helping out, showing more participation and supporting the club by taking on some responsibility. Each member should take a pledge to write and submit at least one article or program this year!

See you at the next meeting, Tom

## EDITOR'S CORNER

by George Morse

Welcome to this editor's first column as the ACCOKC editor. I would like to start this column off by first, thanking the membership for having the confidence in and electing me as editor for the coming year. Second, I would like to thank two of last years officers, Bob Bewley & Tom Holden for all of their support, for which has given me the courage to except this position.

As a novice 8 bit'er I have learned a great deal this past year and anticipate on learning even more in the year to come. As editor I would like to strongly encourage all members to participate, for it is you that sets the course of direction of our club.

In recent months we have had several good articles written by John Brandt. I would like to encourage the rest of you, novice or advanced to submit articles. These articles can be anything from a product or software review to an article of informational value. Without your support your newsletter might be limited to the officers reports.

You may submit your articles to me at the meetings, mail them to the clubs P.O.Box, or via a modem. Generally good time will be between 6:00 PM and 8:30 PM for modem use. Call first !!!

Thanks again to all as I look forward to serving as your editor.

SEE YOU AT THE MEETINGS.

## MY FIRST ARTICLE

by Richard Rhea

Hello, fellow Atari 8-bit'ers! These past five months have been very busy for me, since I purchased my 130XE system. It has been a very pleasant experience learning how to use my Atari and unlocking its potential, and it is very rare for a day to pass without finding me sitting at my desk computing! Many people have come to the rescue when problems popped up and I now want to say thanks for the many helpful tips and suggestions that were passed my way!

I am employed at Saint Anthony Hospital where I am a Medical Technologist in the laboratory. I am married and have two children, Amy and Bradley. My wife, Lanney, and I are expecting our third child to arrive any day now! And that's another reason why I have been especially busy these past few months! Amy is four years old and really enjoys the computer almost as much as I do! "My First Alphabet" is probably her favorite right now.

I am honored to have been chosen to serve as the club's treasure for the upcoming year and I look forward to that challenge. Becky served the club well in her tenure as last years treasurer and I hope that I will be able to continue the groundwork that she has left for me. Her help is certainly going to be appreciated this next month or two!

We are starting this new year in good financial shape! I have been told that the Club's beginning bank balance for this year is the best it has ever been! Hopefully, this will allow the Club's officers to plan more club activities, offer more door prizes, and possibly purchase more equipment for the Club. All of this is going to take a lot of participation by each member to support the Club. Remember, the benefits of club membership include the monthly newsletter and access to the Club's disk library. Don't forget the Disk-of-the-Month, the fine quality blank disks, and the Club's disk directory listing as low cost fund raising activities the Club offers to members. As your treasurer, I would like any suggestions on how I can serve you this year and would like to hear your ideas on additional fund raising activities for the upcoming year.

See you at the meeting!!



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

by Bob Bewley

I thought I'd start off the new year with a new article. For your information was the only good title I could come up with since this article will be filled with information that some of you may or may not know. This first article will deal with a very well-known product, THE HAPPY ENHANCEMENT.

For those of you who have NEVER heard of the HAPPY ENHANCEMENT may I be the first to welcome you to planet EARTH. Even if you don't know what a HAPPY ENHANCEMENT is, I'm sure that you've heard other club members talk about their "HAPPY". From here on the HAPPY ENHANCEMENT will be referred to as "HAPPY". This product is a hardware upgrade for the 810 and 1050 disk drives. It enables the user to create backup copies of ALL their commercial software. It even enables you to combine several commercial boot disks onto ONE disk with a program called the HAPPY COMPACTOR. There are many other features of this enhancement which each and every owner will find very useful.

I have owned a "HAPPY" 810 for approximately 4 years and I recently purchased a "HAPPY" 1050. I installed both enhancements myself and of the two, the 1050 was the EASIEST to install. The "HAPPY" 1050 is also the most powerful of the two. It enables your 1050 to read and write in TRUE DOUBLE DENSITY. Neither enhancement require any soldering to install the HAPPY circuit board. However, you MUST be confident in disassembling and reassembling your disk drive as well as removing and replacing Integrated Circuits (CHIPS).

Another feature which made me very interested in the "HAPPY" 1050 was the ability to convert IBM format to ATARI format and vice versa. The "HAPPY" 810 cannot perform this function since the 810 is unable to read or write in double density which is the only density the IBM supports. I know what you're probably thinking.... here we go again with an IBM story, but you're wrong. I think this feature only makes the ATARI more powerful, after all, how many Commodore, Apple, or TRS 80 owners can say that their computer can read and write in IBM format.

The reason this feature was so attractive to me is the fact that I use IBM computers at work. Now I can write programs and do word processing on my ATARI and convert this files to IBM format and take them back to work with me. Now

do not misunderstand me, you WILL NOT be able to run IBM programs on your ATARI nor will you be able to run ATARI programs on your IBM. This conversion program only converts ASCII files from one format to the other. This means that you will have to write your programs with a word processor if you intend to use them on an IBM.

All of the features I have mentioned are only possible with the newest version of HAPPY SOFTWARE (version 7.1). I received this new software the beginning of this month and I have already put it to good use. Another updated feature of this new software is in the Sector Copier, it no longer crashes when it encounters a "BAD" sector. It simply stops and asks you if you wish to continue and if you respond with a YES it continues copying and ignores the bad sector. They have also increased the PDB (Pre-Defined Backup) list to include some of the newest software available which were not included in the version 7.0 software.

The most outstanding feature of the Happy Software is the WARP SPEED DOS. This is a modified ATARI 2.0S DOS which enables your ATARI to transfer data to and from the disk drive at "WARP SPEED", that is, the disk drive reads and writes approximately 10 times faster than an "UNHAPPY" disk drive. But since "Seeing (or hearing) is believing", I will bring my "HAPPY" 1050 to the next club meeting and if time permits I will demonstrate some of these high-speed features.

## MAIL IN MEMBERSHIP

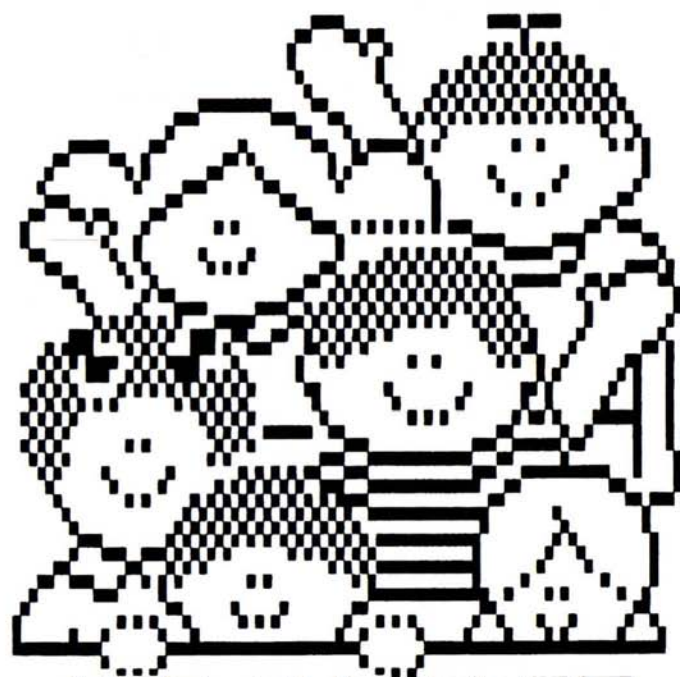
For the convenience of those who cannot make it to the July meeting, a membership form is supplied in this newsletter. Simply tear it out, fill in the required information and mail it to the address indicated on the form.

Dues are \$15.00 per year per family. They entitle you to receive this monthly newsletter and give you access to over 3000 programs in the clubs library. Not to mention our Disk-of-the-Month which can be obtained at the club meetings for \$4.00 each. (Double-sided disk)

Thank you for joining the only ATARI club in OKC that is totally committed to the 8-bit ATARI computers.



JOIN THE GANG !!!



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ON THE BACK.

**ACCOKC  
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OKC, OK 73123

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

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ANNOUNCEMENT !!**

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HAS CHANGED  
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